



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michael KENNY *et al.*
APPLICATION No.: 09/925,884
FILED: AUGUST 6, 2001
FOR: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A
WORKPIECE SUCH AS A SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER**

EXAMINER: Zeinab El Arini
ART UNIT: 1746
CONF. No: 7035

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 12/21/2004,, Applicant submits that the Amendment mailed 12/6/2004 fully meets all USPTO rules. In a 1/18/2005 telephone call to the Legal Instruments Examiner, the undersigned was informed that the 12/6/2004 Amendment is compliant, except that page 1 required the addition of "Amendments to the claims begin on page 7" and "Remarks begin on page 3". While the rules do not require these changes, Applicant has nevertheless prepared a substitute page 1 for the 12/6/2004 Amendment, which is enclosed.

As advised by the Legal Instruments Examiner, the remaining (and unchanged)
pages of the 12/6/2004 Amendment are also attached.

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2004, please amend
the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims (the Complete Set of Pending Claims) begin on
page 7.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 3.

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being
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